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# MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

**For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6, 1952

November 6-8	PMA Warehouse Training Meeting	Kansas City
November 7	Annual Cattle Feeders' Day	Urbana, Ill.
November 9-10	Wisconsin Cannery Association	Milwaukee
November 10-14	Association Seed Control Officials	Kansas City
November 10-13	Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities	Washington, D. C.
November 10-13	4-H Tractor Maintenance Leaders Clinic	Lafayette, Ind.
November 11	N. D. Agr. Mobilization Committee	Fargo
November 11-14	National Association, Ice Industries	Cincinnati
November 12-14	Indiana Farm Bureau Convention	Indianapolis
November 12-14	PMA Midwest Area Meeting	Chicago
November 12	Indiana Rural Youth Convention	Indianapolis
November 12-20	86th Annual Session National Grange	Rockford, Ill.
November 13-14	Annual Meeting Michigan Farm Bureau	E. Lansing
November 14	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
November 14	Fall Cattle Feeders' Day	Lafayette, Ind.
November 19-21	PMA Warehouse Training Meeting	Minneapolis
November 21	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	E. Lansing
November 24-25	Annual Meeting Indiana Soil Conservation District Supervisors	Turkey Run State Park
November 25	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbia
November 28	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
November 29- December 6	International Livestock Exposition	Chicago
November 29-30	National Association Radio Farm Directors	Chicago
November 29- December 3	National Association County Agr. Agents	Chicago
November 30- December 4	National 4-H Club Congress	Chicago

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Aiding with arrangements for MIDWEST AREA CONFERENCE to be held at Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, November 12-14.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

A. E. Smith, Washington OA, visited in connection with internal audit programs.

L. J. Roth to Minneapolis Commodity Office for general supervisory visit with audit staff there, and to interview candidates for auditor positions.

H. A. Janzig on internal audits of grading and inspection offices in Ohio.

L. O. Lehman and Harvey Parke on internal audit of North Dakota State PMA office.

Harold Schump, Floyd McFall, Rollin Buskirk and Robert Chaffin on internal audits of County PMA offices in South Dakota.

On School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: Tom Vopatek, N. Dakota; Max Skilnik, Missouri; Fred Neville, Wisconsin; John Hernandey, S. Dakota.

Internal audits of Chicago and Minneapolis Commodity Offices proceeding on schedule - Richard Harwick in charge Chicago, Russell Blixt, Minneapolis, audits.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Orders for hay from drought states through November 4 totaled 451,434 tons; shipments were approximately 216,360 tons.

National Commodity Offices (Minneapolis excepted) last week sold 314,135 bus. corn, 28,097 bus. wheat, 114,994 cwt. dry edible beans, 944 lbs. clover seed.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

The following producers pleaded guilty in United States District Courts to indictments charging unlawful conversion to their own use of grain mortgaged to CCC: Graddon Quigley, Donnybrook, N. D., Woodrow Overlie, Parshall, N. D., Lewis Olson, Coulee, N.D., and Louis Lesmeister, Harvey, N. D. All were placed on probation for three years.

Indictments were returned in the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota in conversion cases against Earl Fox, Coleharbor, N.D.; Joseph Mirack, Cayuga, N. D.; William Mondry, Minto, N.D.; Martin Wittkopp, Wyndmere, N.D.; Lyle Ramstad, Hunter, N.D.; Anton Hartman, Jr., Dickinson, N.D.; and Leroy Ellibee, Rutland, N.D. Indictment against Mondry was for conversion of potatoes, other indictments for grain.

Mr. Clagett returned from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he conferred with the Regional Attorney regarding civil and criminal cases investigated by CI in that area.

Alexander Gibbon appointed special agent-accountant.

Agents in field this week: Ralph Aiken, Robert Coons, Fontaine Freeman, Nebraska; Harry Covington, Edward Nealon, Halvor Oace, Iowa; Paul Hirsh, N.D.; Sidney Norin, Minnesota; James Ramstad, Kansas.



CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Melvin C. Brandt attended Southeast Area Meeting at Ashville, N.C. Thursday and Friday this week.

DAIRY

• Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small attending Michigan Dairy Conference at E. Lansing.

J. S. Larsen, Marketing Facilities Branch, visiting points in Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio to confer with marketing officials regarding improvement of egg marketing facilities.

Milk Marketing Orders.

Order to regulate marketing of milk in Stark County, Ohio, issued this week. Follows referendum in which producers supplying area voted 853 to 92 in favor of order. William W. Hurwitz, Chief Auditor in Office of the Cincinnati Federal Milk Marketing Order since 1946, named Market Administrator for new order.

H. L. Forest, Washington Dairy Branch, to Chicago and New Orleans this week to visit market administrators.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor

John James in Minnesota on direct distribution problems.

Large supplies of ducks being promoted in special plentiful foods campaign November 6-15.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter

Good buys this week: cabbage, top-less carrots, greens, spinach, squash, turnips and rutabagas. Oranges much lower priced than last week. Potato prices shade lower but still moderate to high. Apples and onions also moderate to high priced.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

J. W. Branch still handling complaints in Northern Michigan potato area.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn on general supervisory work in Minnesota this week.

Training class for terminal market inspectors will be held November 24 through December 19. Attendants from every part of U.S. expected; also one from Puerto Rico.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Inspections in Texas areas increasing gradually as plants get underway with frozen vegetable work.



GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

An E. Peoria elevator company was given a hearing at Peoria on October 30 concerning apparent irregularities in cars of grain loaded from the elevator.

Robert B. Mill investigating other cases in Louisiana and Missouri. Washington Branch visitors to Midwest: W. A. Davidson, to Kansas City, November 8-16, to confer with State seed officials; W. C. Dachtler and Philip Talbott, to Chicago, November 7, to confer with representatives of trade organizations and PMA Administrator's Office; Eileen M. McDonald, to Ames, Iowa, November 6-8, to confer with project leaders representing Iowa and Kansas Agricultural Experiment Stations.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

German journalists who were guests of office departed at end of week; two to return to Germany, others to continue scheduled visits to points in Wisconsin.

Exhibits office in Washington requested assistance of PMA staff members in Chicago in supervising USDA exhibit and bulletin booth at International Livestock Show, November 29-December 6. Representatives of Information, Food Distribution, and Personnel Offices have volunteered.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Marvin Henning, reporter, to Urbana, Illinois, to represent office at Annual Cattle Feeders' Day, November 7.

Grand Champions of the Annual Chicago Feeder Cattle Show were 20 head of Hereford steer calves that brought 54¢ per lb.

New 11'4" X 14' bulletin board costing \$2,000 installed by Stock Yards Company in Livestock Exchange Building, St. Joseph, Missouri, for posting of reports from local market news office headed by G. E. Rodda. Livestock Branch's insignia - a longhorn steer head - graces top of board.

Joseph H. Dietrich, Cincinnati market news head since 1943, retired October 31. Previously reported for USDA at other markets since 1923. M. Chapman, Washington office, temporary successor.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Eleven more Chicago livestock dealers recently suspended from operating at federally supervised markets for violation of Packers and Stockyards Act. Suspensions range from one to ten months. Dealers are part of larger group charged with violations and given hearings by P&S Administration during past two years.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

L. D. Tobin, Washington meat grading head, was visitor on Wednesday.



### MIDWEST AREA CONFERENCE

Midwest Area Conference, to be held at Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago November 12-14, will feature a banquet address by Secretary Charles F. Brannan.

Others scheduled to address the conference include Clarence J. McCormick, Under Secretary; Gus F. Geissler, PMA Administrator; Harold K. Hill, PMA Deputy Administrator; Raub Snyder, Assistant Administrator for Production, PMA; Wm. W. Chandler, Director, Midwest area.

Among those in attendance at the conference will be Chiefs of various PMA Branches, members of state committees, division heads in each state office and all farmer fieldmen from each of the eight states of the Midwest region.

### PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Will be host to separate foreign groups or individuals from Denmark, Germany, Thailand, Peru, Philippines, Cuba, and Associated States of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos this month. Visitors are in this country under Technical Assistance program of Mutual Security Agency to study various phases of agriculture.

John Hayes to Lincoln, Nebraska, to meet with Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners which handles examinations for positions peculiar to USDA.

### POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson back from supervisory trip to Wisconsin. Grading of frozen turkeys purchased under surplus removal program still increasing at points outside of Chicago. Chicago not a delivery point. Purchases to date 22,679,578 pounds.





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November 13, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 13-14	Annual Meeting, Michigan Farm Bureau	E. Lansing
November 14	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
November 14	Indiana Fall Cattle Feeders' Day	Lafayette
November 19-21	PMA Warehouse Training Meeting	Minneapolis
November 21	Fruit & Vegetable Branch, Honey Meeting	Chicago
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December 6	International Live Stock Exposition	Chicago
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November 29-	National Association County Agricultural Agents	Chicago
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December 2-3	Ohio Cannery Association	Columbus
December 3-5	Northwest Area PMA Regional Meeting	-Omaha

**AUDIT** - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

L. O. Lehman, in charge, and auditors R. Chaffin, R. Buskirk, F. McFall, H. Farke, and H. Schump on audits of South Dakota state and county PMA offices. Kentucky next.

Mr. Lehman will also make review this week of F & V operations under Federal-State Cooperative agreement with North Dakota.

Auditor H. Janzig in Ohio and Indiana on audits of PMA grading and inspection offices.

School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: Max Skilnik, Missouri; Tom Vopatek, North Dakota; John Hernandez, Nebraska; Fred Neville, Wisconsin.

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COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

As of November 10, 746 applications received for 1952 grain storage agreements; approved, 519. Handling agreement applications received, 166; approved, 109.

Orders for hay from drought states through November 10 totaled 469,274 tons. Shipments, approximately 230,000 tons.

Commodity offices nationally last week sold 479,724 bus. corn; 88,575 bus. wheat; 16,104 bus. barley; 902 bus. oats; 646 bus. rye; 47,001 cwt. edible beans; 1,268 cwt. Austrian winter peas; 1,292 lbs. clover seed; 435 cwt. corn screenings.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Agents in field this week: Ralph Aiken, Robert Coons, Nebraska; Harry Covington, Palmer Ellingson, Edward Nealon, Halvor Oace, Iowa; Fontaine Freeman, Missouri; Paul Hirsch, North Dakota; John Maloney, central Illinois; James Ramstad, Kansas; Sidney Norin, Minnesota.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Expect 40,000 new tobacco contracts from drought-stricken Southeast area.

DAIRY -

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small will give butter grading demonstration November 14 for benefit of visiting foreign agriculturists.

Finished inspection work on processed cheese for delivery to school lunch programs.

Milk Marketing Orders -

Hearing will be held December 9 to consider proposed Federal milk order for 35-county area covering parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Laboratory - T. I. Hedrick, in charge

Robert McCummon, technician, returned to lab after two years in Army.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer attended Chicago meeting of National Citrus Marketing Committee on Wednesday.

Washington visitors this week: J.E. Hoofnagle, Deputy Director; G. Chester Freeman, Food Trades Division.

Hal Bolin participating in food preservation workshops in St. Paul and Minneapolis; gave preservation demonstrations on two TV shows.

Ina Morris assisting with review of nutritional requirements for lunches served at Central High School, St. Joseph, Missouri. Central High is one of fifteen schools in nation where special nutrition study being undertaken.

Mr. Beyer and Cecelia Tollefson to review school lunch activities in Indiana next week.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Sol Fishman, Roosevelt College graduate, is new truck receipts reporter. Succeeds Jerry Leon, recently resigned.

Reporter Fred Tuttle temporarily to Benton Harbor office to relieve Jack Selby, reporter in charge.

Roland Sutton soon to Pompano Beach, Florida to handle field station there during winter marketing season. Returns in spring.

Florida oranges and grapefruit at fairly low prices first time this season. Other good buys are top-less carrots, Midwestern cauliflower, greens, spinach, squash, parsnips. Prices high on sweet potatoes, cranberries.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

General rains in Texas have relieved drought, brightened prospects for good late vegetable crop. Rains in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Arkansas also helped crop conditions in those states.

Mr. Sanborn and Malcomb Smith of Washington Branch office, will discuss U.S. standards for grades of peanuts and nutmeats at meeting of American Association of Candy Technologists in Chicago, November 18.

E. Biddick in Texas conferring with supervisors on lettuce grade interpretation.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin on sick list this week.

Twenty to twenty-five inspectors in Florida for citrus inspection work.

## LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt

More cattle being shipped to Corn Belt for fattening than in 1951 - means bigger beef supplies later. Sheep and lamb feeding on considerably smaller scale, spells less lamb and mutton.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Mr. Jennings will be speaker at Chicago USDA Club's monthly luncheon meeting, November 20.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Five Atchison (Kansas) Cave employees of USDA transferred to Army Ordnance Corps. Cave is natural cooler storage facility.

Arranging contacts, tours of inspection for seven visiting foreign agriculturists. Group studying milk hygiene.

## POULTRY -

Grading and Inspection - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson was in Peoria last Monday on grading of eggs for school lunch.

Busy grading poultry and eggs for Chicago Mercantile Exchange; also poultry purchased by USDA for school lunch programs.

Turkey purchases now exceed 30 million pounds.







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November 20, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21	Fruit and Vegetable Branch Honey Meeting	Chicago
November 21	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
November 24-25	Annual Meeting, Indiana Soil Conservation District	Turkey Run State Park
November 24-25	Western Grain & Feed Assoc.	Des Moines
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November 28-29	American Society of Animal Production	Chicago
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December 4-5	Iowa Fieldmen Meeting	Des Moines
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender to Decatur, Illinois on Thursday on office consolidation matters.

Annette Schnell to Twin Cities on Wednesday on procurement and property matters.

AUDIT-Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

John F. McShea, Assistant Chief Auditor, general administration, Washington, was visitor this week.

Nicholas Orlowski new addition to auditing staff.

Harry A. Janzig on audits of grading and inspection offices in Kentucky.

On School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: Max Skilnik, Missouri; Fred Neville, Wisconsin; John Hernandez, Nebraska; Tom Vopatek, North Dakota.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

Area Work Committee, consisting of representatives of the grain trade, held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, with C.O. representatives.

As of November 17, orders received for hay from drought states totaled 487,148 tons; shipments 246,648 tons.

Applications for 1952 grain storage agreements, 792; approved 575. Handling applications, 182; approved 180.

Commodity offices nationally last week sold 635,933 bus. corn; 46,043 bus. wheat; 81,939 bus. barley; 3,096 bus. oats; 86,144 cwt. dry edible beans; 13,071 cwt. winter peas; 920 lbs. field seeds.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Maurice Stickgold in Minneapolis conferring with Agent Paul Hirsch.

Other agents in field this week: Edward Nealon, Halvor Oace, Harry Covington, Palmer Ellingson, Alexander Gibbon, Iowa; Frank J. Zeglin, Colorado.

Recruiting special agents, accountants.

William Aarnes recently appointed accountant.

Verifying authenticity of subsidy claims under International Wheat Agreement and investigation of warehouse shortages of CCC-owned grain make up big percentage of work.

DAIRY

Milk Market Orders

Following uniform prices were paid during October to producers supplying Midwest markets under Federal milk market orders:

Chicago	\$4.97	Quad Cities	\$5.23
Cleveland	5.04	Columbus, Ohio	5.22
St. Louis	6.11	Dayton-Springfield, O.	5.09
Cedar Rapids-Iowa City	4.94	Dubuque	5.11

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Milwaukee office, headed by Carl Tuttle, moved from County Building to 628 E. Michigan. Bulk of clerical work transferred to Mr. Small's office.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer, Cecelia Tollefson, and Jeanette Hampton reviewing school lunch program in Indiana.

William Russell, school lunch reviewer, on sick list in Minneapolis following heart attack.

Participation of children in National School Lunch Program totaled record 9,320,000 past school year - 8 percent above previous year. "Program" schools served 1,500,000,000 meals - approximately 100,000,000 above preceding school year. Almost 70 percent of the meals served met the standard for Type A lunch - a complete meal with milk. Out of every 9 meals served, 1 was served free or at reduced cost to children unable to pay full price for lunch.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Norman C. Healy and Donald E. Wilson, Research and Statistics Division, Washington, at Ohio State University this week, grading tomato products packed during the 1952 season under research project; also testing suitability of electronic instruments for determining color of tomato products.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick still in Texas checking on interpretation of lettuce grades.

Training classes for terminal market inspectors begin next Monday.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In charge

Fred Tuttle, who has been relieving at the Benton Harbor office is expected back in Chicago December 1.

Best buys on wholesale market this week: Florida oranges and grapefruit, cabbage, iceberg lettuce, spinach, Midwestern squash, radishes, rutabagas, parsnips and top-less carrots. Cabbage supplies growing, with iceberg lettuce in heavy supply. Moderately priced pineapples available from Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Florida. Potato and onion prices tending downward.

INFORMATION - John Baker Chief

Paul Ostendorf to Cleveland, November 19-21, to work with Market Reporter Robert Van Houten on information outlets regarding poultry and egg market reports.

Twenty-three food editors of large city daily newspapers added to mailing list to receive weekly Midwest Market Basket this week.

Chicago papers and wire news services will receive news story this week-end reporting Thanksgiving dinner for typical family will cost 49 cents less this year than year ago, based on study by FDB.

Staff members of Personnel, Food Distribution, and Information offices have volunteered for duty at USDA exhibit at International Livestock show during week of November 29-December 6.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, In Charge

Monday's receipts of 166,000 cattle at twelve markets the largest in at least 13 years. Included 23,000 head at Chicago, biggest receipts there since December 30, 1946.

Last week's receipts of over 450,000 hogs at 12 markets the largest of present marketing season. Chicago top price of \$16.85 on Wednesday this week at new low level since April 20, 1950.



BY THE SECRETARY

Excerpts from Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan's statement to meeting of National Grange in Rockford, Illinois, November 17:

"The Department's present budget for regular activities of about 1.2 billion dollars represents a reduction of about 25 percent from the 1940 budget of 1.6 billion dollars. This is less than 2 percent of the total national budget and includes nearly one-fourth billion dollars of loan funds for the Rural Electrification Administration and Farmers Home Administration which are not derived from taxes but through Treasury loans and are repaid to the Treasury with interest.

"I'm convinced that the caliber of our Department employees has never been higher. They are alert to the needs of the country and conscious of their obligation to serve the public to the very best of their ability. They have shouldered the heaviest workloads in the history of the Department, and they have done so in spite of the fact their salaries have fallen behind the rise in the cost of living."

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

Robert A. Hanson, Office of Assistant Administrator for Commodity Operations, to Chicago, November 21. Robert A. Winstead, Tobacco Branch, to Indianapolis, November 17-21, to attend training meetings of staff assistants. R. L. Childress, Marketing Facilities Branch, in Indiana and Minnesota until December 7 to study wholesale produce facilities.



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November 26, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 28	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
November 29-		
December 6	International Live Stock Exposition	Chicago
November 28-29	American Society of Animal Production	Chicago
November 29-30	National Association Radio Farm Directors	Chicago
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December 9	Michigan Crop Improvement Assn.	E. Lansing
December 9-10	Michigan Seed Producers & Dealers Conference	E. Lansing
December 9-11	Junior Livestock Show	Detroit
December 9-11	Michigan Farm Equipment Assn.	Grand Rapids

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Specifications for requested alterations to Post Office Building at Springfield, Illinois, where USDA offices are to be consolidated, are expected to be submitted to General Services Administration next week. Agencies to be housed: PMA, FHA, SCS, FCIC, BAE, BAI.

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AUDIT - Raymond C. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

A. Lissy, typist and J. Rhudy, auditor, are new additions to staff. Audits of State and County PMA Offices in South Dakota and Grading and Inspection Offices in Indiana continue this week. School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: Max Skilnik, Missouri; Fred Neville, Wisconsin; Tom Vopatek, North Dakota; John Hernandez, Nebraska.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

M. R. Livingston in Washington this week discussing possible changes in work status report.

Orders for hay from drought states, as of November 24, totaled 505,360 tons; shipments, approximately 263,000 tons.

National sales by CC offices the past week were as follows: wheat, 146,543 bus.; corn, 903,765 bus.; dry edible beans, 45,236 cwt.; barley, 201,000 bus.; rye, 393 bus.; oats, 1,074 bus.; Austrain winter peas, 5,995 cwt.; clover seed, 505 lbs.; tung oil, 50,000 lbs.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Claggett, Chief

Albert C. Christian to Cleveland and Indianapolis this week, conferring with U.S. Attorney at latter point on summation of case for presentation to Grand Jury.

Other agents in field this week: Ralph Aiken, Martin Ryan, Nebraska; Thomas Berry, Ohio; Harry Covington, Iowa; Fontaine Freeman, Michigan; John Maloney, Wisconsin; Halvor Oace, Missouri; James Ramstad, Colorado.

Still recruiting lawyers and accountants.

Hubert Shipley, Fred William Thomas and Kenneth E. Frye, all of Terre Haute, Indiana, pleaded guilty in Federal Court November 7 to theft of CCC corn from bin sites in Indiana. Each sentenced to four years in prison.

Judgment of \$36,528.74 in favor of United States entered November 13 against Bert Eesley, Morrow, Ohio, in Federal Court. Sum represents value of CCC grain unlawfully converted by Eesley.

Civil complaint has been filed in Federal Court against Lee Williams, Rosendale, Missouri, seeking to recover approximately \$800 owing to CCC on defaulted corn loan note.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Franis Buck, Branch Manager

Reports of acreage on winter wheat, which are basis for determining liability and premium income, coming in.

Finishing up 1952 loss claims.

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Milk Market Orders

Following uniform prices were paid during October to producers supplying Midwest markets under Federal milk market orders:

Omaha-Lincoln-Council Bluffs Marketing Area	\$5.38
Sioux City	4.83
Sioux Falls-Mitchell, South Dakota Marketing Area	5.08



## DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small in Columbus early in week to discuss inspection problems with cooperative agency.

Finishing up grading of butter for possible November commitments on Mercantile Exchange.

Grading some butter for possible offering to CCC under price support; 12 cars graded so far.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer and John James returned Wednesday from Columbus, Ohio trip on direct distribution matters.

Ina Morris to Bruce, Wisconsin next week to assist with review of nutritional requirements for school lunches.

William Russell, school lunch reviewer, expected back to work this week following recent heart attack.

Roland H. Cervený to Indiana next week to review direct distribution activities.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In Charge

Fred Tuttle, who has been relieving Jack Selby at the Benton Harbor, Michigan office will return to Chicago, December 1.

Will begin reporting prices of Christmas trees December 1. Arrivals of trees through November 25 this season totaled 28 carloads, compared with 12 carloads year ago.

Best buys this week: topped Midwest carrots, turnips, beets, old crop cabbage, squash, parsnips, radishes, leaf lettuce, spinach, Florida early oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and Emperor grapes. Plenty of Southern greens, including mustard, collard, and turnip tops available at low prices. Supplies new crop cabbage increasing. Potatoes still rather high priced.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Three inspectors on loan to Indio, California until mid-December for inspection of dates.

## GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

Grading all samples of wheat entered in International Grain Show.

## INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Plentiful foods for week to be presented on NBC television network as part of three-hour program "Today," on Friday, November 28. John Baker will be spokesman for USDA on network of 40 TV stations covering Eastern and Central time zones. Chicago outlet, WNBQ, Channel 5. Program presented three times same day, at 6:20, 7:20, and 8:20 a.m. Chicago time; only last two can be seen in Chicago. Food Distribution Branch in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington cooperating with Information in compiling national and area lists of plentiful foods. November 28 program is experimental in nature; may become weekly feature.

Several PMA staff members will serve as hosts at USDA exhibit at International Live Stock Show at International Amphitheatre, beginning Saturday, November 29, and continuing through next week.



LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, In Charge

J. Lonsberry, Chicago reporter, temporarily assigned to Cincinnati office. Glen Ellison, presently in charge of San Antonio, Texas office, takes over permanently at Cincinnati around December 1.

OFFICE OF SOLICITOR

Frank A. Gallagher, Regional Attorney for USDA, located in Chicago, has resigned effective January 10, to practice law with the firm of Coleman, Jameson, and Laney, Billings, Montana.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

In answer to some inquiries concerning the "Voluntary Contribution" phase of the Federal Retirement System. Provides that an employee may make deposits to retirement fund over and above regular 6 percent deduction from salary for purpose of increasing regular annuity. Contributions must be made in multiples of \$25.00 and may not exceed 10 percent of total basic pay received since August 1, 1920. Plan open to any employee who is member of retirement system, provided all deposits and redeposits covering prior service have been made. Amount of additional annuity deposits will purchase varies with age of employee at time of retirement. Regular annuity increased by \$7.00 for each \$100.00 of voluntary contribution if employee is 55 years or younger at retirement time. Amount increases 20 cents for each full year over age 55 up to maximum of \$10.00 per \$100.00 at age 70.



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# MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.

December 4, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

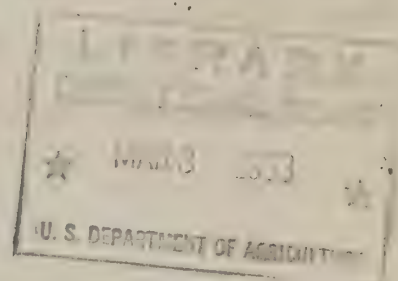
December 4-5	Iowa Fieldmen Meeting	Des Moines
December 4-5	Purdue Poultry Breeding School	Lafayette
December 7-10	National Wool Growers Assn. Convention	Chicago
December 8-10	National Food & Nutrition Institute	Washington, D.C.
December 8-12	Northern States Turkey Show	Alexandria, Minn.
December 9	N.D. Agr. Mobilization Committee	Fargo
December 9	Michigan Crop Improvement Assn.	E. Lansing
December 9-10	Michigan Seed Producers & Dealers Conference	E. Lansing
December 9-11	Junior Livestock Show	Detroit
December 9-11	Michigan Farm Equipment Assn.	Grand Rapids
December 11	Ohio Butter Mfrs. Association	Columbus
December 12	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
December 13	Michigan Beekeepers Association	E. Lansing
December 13	Illinois Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Sale	Urbana
December 15-17	Illinois Dairy Products Assn. Annual Convention	Chicago
December 17-18	Iowa Fertilizer Dealers Short Course	Ames
December 19	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Comm.	Lansing
December 23	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Comm.	Columbia
December 26	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Comm.	Lincoln

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Portable machine for microfilming personnel and fiscal records for security purposes received. Microfilming already begun by Mrs. Ruth Erlich, Records Management Assistant, in area office. Will extend to Kansas City and Minneapolis CO offices and State offices.

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AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Harry Janzig and Nick Orlowski on audits of Grading and Inspection Offices in and around Chicago.

Audits of State and County PMA Offices completed in South Dakota, begin in Kentucky next week.

Still recruiting qualified auditors at GS-7, 9, and 11.

Dave Bussey on audits in North Dakota and Minnesota involving physical verification of grain stored in commercial elevators.

School Lunch and District Distribution audits: Fred Neville, Wisconsin; Tom Vopatek, North Dakota; John Hernandey, Nebraska; Max Skilnik and Thomas Rhudy, Missouri.

Sixty-four audit reports released in November.

COMMODITY OFFICE, - George D. Bradley, Director

Key personnel reassignments and rearrangement of desks made to conform with recently approved standard plan of organization prescribed for all Commodity Offices. Beginning next Monday office will consist of administrative staff, under Director's office, and following three divisions: Program Operations, Field Operations, and Fiscal. Each division further sub-divided. Purpose of reorganization is to have all eight Commodity Offices operate as nearly as possible according to uniform and standard organization plan. More detail next week.

Marvin Smith to Michigan on bean program this week.

J. M. Boberski and H.D. Shanesy in Indianapolis as witnesses in grain conversion trial.

Cash awards to Charles Reilly, \$100; Marie Frame, \$65; Hazel Etheridge, \$60, for suggestions on simplifying work.

As of December 3, 861 applications received for 1952 grain storage agreements; 652 approved. Handling agreements received, 209; 152 approved.

Commodity offices last week sold 938,415 bus. wheat; 586,793 bus. corn, 17,433 bus. rye, 4,000 bus. barley, 856 bus. oats, 49,096 cwt. dry edible beans, 1,060 cwt. Austrian winter peas, 1,481 lbs. clover seed.

Orders for hay from drought states totaled 514,533 tons as of December 2. Shipments, 281,712 tons.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Investigators in field this week: Ralph Aiken, Nebraska; Thomas Berry, Robert Coons, Fontaine Freeman, Ohio; Harry Covington, Iowa; John Maloney, James Ramstad, Illinois; Halvor Oace, Martin Ryan, Missouri.

Accountants in field: William Aarnes, Frank Zeglin, Ohio; Albert C. Christian, Indianapolis; Alexander Gibbon, Illinois; John J. Hickey, Minnesota

## DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Drop in butter prices bringing larger offerings to CCC and stepping up inspection work. Chicago CO office on Wednesday purchased some 290,000 pounds.

Awaiting Friday's trend in cheese prices at Plymouth, Wisconsin Exchange. Decline of 1/2 cent per pound expected to result in more inspections preparatory to probable offerings of cheese to CCC.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

On school lunch administrative reviews: William Russell, Minnesota; Kent Feltz, Iowa; Arthur Siemers, Ohio.

Scudder H. Darragh, Washington office, expected latter part of this week. Will accompany Roland Cervený to Indiana on direct distribution analysis next week.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J.A. Hunter, in Charge

Christmas tree buying still light; prices under year ago.

Best buys this week: Topped vegetables such as beets, parsnips, carrots, turnips, and rutabagas; southern greens, radishes, Mid-western squash, leaf lettuce, Florida oranges and grapefruit, celery hearts from Michigan, beets from Texas, and old crop Danish-type cabbage. Cauliflower supplies from Long Island larger and prices moderate to low. Midwestern Round Whites best buy in potatoes.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn attended Ohio Cannery Association meeting at Columbus, December 2-3.

Training classes for terminal market inspectors from 48 states in full swing in Chicago; ending December 19.

Regulatory - W.A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Mr. Hilgeson to Iowa, Edward Gibson to Detroit, and J. Branch to Kentucky and Tennessee on investigation or license work this week.

GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

Mr. English to Decatur, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri latter half of week on general supervisory trip.

H.A. Harlow, member of grain supervisors board, retired November 30 after 37 years of service with USDA. Now living in Nashville.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Mr. Baker to Washington next week for meeting of Area Information Chiefs.

## "BONER" FILE

Observed in Washington release - "This report is made impossible through the cooperative efforts of three agencies in the Department of Agriculture....".



## LIVESTOCK

Market News - L.M. Wyatt, in charge

Washington visitors during "Show" week included Harry E. Reed, Branch Director, and Fred J. Beard, Standardization and Grading Division.

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St. Joseph Market News - G.E. Rodda, in charge

Mr. Rodda---was on reception committee for Annual Balance Farm Dinner sponsored by St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, November 24.

--made recording of market news functions for broadcast on radio station KFEQ, November 28.

--participated in KFEQ recorded broadcast on Economy Beef Production Contest Marketing Day, December 4; was speaker at banquet. Cattle for contest graded by Reporter Clyde Wise.

Mr. Rodda and Mr. Wise helped conduct Carcass and Livestock Grading School, sponsored by St. Joseph Market Foundation, November 25-26.

William Orton assigned to relief duty at Oklahoma City for three weeks beginning December 1.

Hal Keene, Standardization and Grading Division, discussed U.S. grades and grading at Beef Improvement Day, November 20.

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Regulatory - C.D. Jennings, Supervisor

Escorted group of visitors from India through stockyards, explained marketing operations.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Mr. Ward to St. Louis and Omaha, attending N.W. Area PMA Regional Meeting at latter point.

John P. Haughey, PMA Personnel Chief, Washington, and Marvin Smith, Western Area Chief, were visitors this week.

Austrians, Germans, Thailanders, Filipinos and Peruvians were among the foreign visitors for whom agricultural contacts were arranged.

## POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson on supervisory trip to St. Louis, Mo. and Illinois points next week.

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December 11, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 12	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
December 12	Minnesota Agr. Mobilization Committee	St. Paul
December 13	Michigan Beekeepers Association	E. Lansing
December 13	Illinois Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Sale	Urbana
December 15-17	Illinois Dairy Products Assn., Annual Convention	Chicago
December 15-19	Training School for Cow Testers	Lafayette
December 17-18	Iowa Fertilizer Dealers Short Course	Ames
December 19	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
December 23	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbia
December 23	Indiana Agr. Mobilization Committee	Indianapolis
December 26	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
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January 6-9	Annual Winter Agricultural Conference - Purdue University	Lafayette
January 6-7	Michigan Farm Bureau Institute	E. Lansing
January 7	Indiana State Rural Youth Day	Lafayette
January 8-9	Indiana 4-H Health & Safety Conference	Lafayette
January 8-9	Illinois Cannery Fieldmen's Meeting	Urbana
January 9-10	Hoosier Cooperative Clinic	Lafayette
January 14-16	Indiana Horticultural Society	Indianapolis
January 14	Michigan Agricultural Conference	E. Lansing

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Royce Dodge to Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Wednesday to check field printing order contracted for by Government Printing Office.

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AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Harry Janzig and Nick Orlowski in central Illinois on audits of grading and inspection offices, and of elevators filing claims under storage guarantee program.

Audit of Kentucky State PMA Office and twelve county offices begun this week. L.O. Lehman in charge, assisted by R. Buskirk, R. Chaffin, H. Parke, H. Schump and F. McFall.

D. Bussey in Minnesota and Dakotas in connection with physical verification of grain stored in commercial elevators.

School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: M. Skilnik, T. Rudy, Missouri; T. Vopatek, North Dakota; F. Neville, Wisconsin.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Purchase of 91,286 pounds of cheese on Wednesday was the first bought under price support since July. Also purchased 302,572 pounds of butter.

Chicago Commodity Office sales last week: - 542,809 bushels corn; 700 pounds clover seed.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Jury acquitted Lawrence L. Augenstein, Frankfort Feed and Grain Company, Frankfort, Indiana, of criminal charges in grain conversion trial at Indianapolis, December 3.

Agents in field this week: Ralph Aiken, Martin Ryan, Nebraska; Thomas Berry, Robert Coons, Fontaine Freeman, Sidney Norin, Ohio; Harry Covington, Iowa; John Maloney, Edward Nealon, James Ramstad, Illinois; Halvor Oace, Missouri.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Inspections of powdered milk for possible sale to CCC increasing.

Some butter being graded for Mercantile Exchange.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Clair Underwood to Michigan next week for school lunch review and to confer with new Chief of State School Lunch Division.

Ina Morris and Jeanette Hampton attended National Food & Nutrition Institute meeting in Washington, December 8-10.

Hal Bolin, food preservationist, developing floor plans for canning project in Michigan.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, District Supervisor

Earl Biddick, assistant supervisor, and Gordon Mitchell federal supervisor of shipping point inspection work in Wisconsin, attended annual meeting of Wisconsin Potato Growers Association at Antigo, December 10.

R.L. Spangler, in charge, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Standardization Division, Washington, in Chicago December 9 and 10 to discuss Standardization matters at training class for inspectors. Class started November 24, will end December 19. M.W. Baker, assistant director, F and V Branch, will attend class periods December 18 and 19 to observe instruction work and discuss inspection procedures and objectives.

Fresh Products Inspection - Max Austin, District Supervisor

Assistant supervisor David A. Patton in Washington this week to work with division officials on preparation of handbook of instructions for inspectors.

After 10 years of service with Chicago office, Inspector Mary Braddock has transferred to Army QM Depot. Will assume duties as instructor in Subsistence Section at the Chicago Depot--teaching army officers subsistence inspection work. Class is conducted by Army to prepare officers for these assignments at Army camps.

Regulatory Division - C.A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Mr. Hilgeson on sick list this week.

Field assignments this week: E.W. Gibson to Detroit and Cleveland; J.W. Branch, points in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Market News - J.A. Hunter, in Charge

Best buys on wholesale market this week are cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, leaf lettuce, tangerines, Midwestern squash, Southern greens, radishes, ripe tomatoes, topped carrots and beets, and turnips. Best buy in potatoes are Round Whites from Wisconsin. Christmas trees priced about same as year ago.

GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

Dr. Lawrence Zeleny, Washington Office, was visitor during week. In Chicago to attend National Workshop on Flour Testing and Specifications, and to confer on standards research. Peoria, Minneapolis and Kansas City also on Dr. Zeleny's itinerary.

## LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Reporter J. Lonsberry returned after relieving at Cincinnati office.



PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Carl Potter, Washington office, visited in connection with classification matters, especially with regard to newly reorganized Commodity Office. Kansas City and Minneapolis CO offices next on Potter's itinerary; to be accompanied by representatives Chicago personnel.

Will arrange contacts, for Dr. Jen Hwang, Formosa veterinarian, expected December 22 for special studies.

Awaiting official Washington confirmation of newspaper reports that President Truman has declared December 26 a holiday for government employees.

POULTRY

Dressed Poultry Inspection - Dr. W.S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Turkey eviscerating plants in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Illinois will close this week or next as season comes to end. Plants process only turkeys.

Office has received 15 applications which meet requirements for inspectors in the current recruiting campaign for qualified veterinarians.

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Supervisor Dolson left December 8 for East St. Louis and other Illinois points. Will return December 15. D.H. Shearer on official business to Ohio points December 9. Returns December 12.

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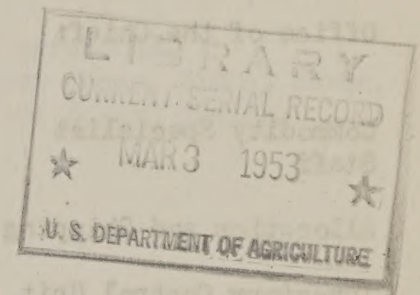
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December 19	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
December 23	Missouri Agr. Mobilization Committee	Columbia
December 23	Indiana Agr. Mobilization Committee	Indianapolis
December 26	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
December 29-30	Commodity Office Directors Meeting	Chicago

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January 6-9	Annual Winter Agricultural Conference	Lafayette
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"SHOP TALK" will not be issued Christmas week. Next issue  
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Rejected only bid for construction of building at Columbia, Missouri, to house consolidated state offices. Bid considered excessive and failed to include alternative bid for year-round air conditioning. New invitations to bid on job will be requested through GSA in near future.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Ass't Chief Auditor

L. O. Lehman, H. Parke, R. Buskirk, F. Schump and R. Chaffin still on audits of state and county PMA offices in Kentucky.

N. Orlowski and H. Janzig auditing elevators in Illinois in connection with claims under Storage Guarantee Program.

School Lunch and Direct Distribution audits: Fred Neville, Wisconsin; John Hernandez, Wisconsin; Tom Vopatek, Chicago; Max Skilnik, Chicago; Tom Rhudy, Missouri.

Washington visitor - John F. McShea, Assistant Chief Auditor.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

Office now operating under following organizational set-up:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR: George D. Bradley, Director; M.R. Livingston, Assistant Director; Marvin C. Smith, Assistant Director; \*Julius M. Boberski, Assistant to Director.

Administrative Staff James Ippolito, Acting Chief

PROGRAM OPERATIONS DIVISION

Office of the Chief: \*Bernard Tyarks, Chief  
\*Maurice Kennedy, Assistant Chief

Commodity Specialist  
Staff

Allocation and Shipping Unit \*Marie Brown, Head

Inventory Control Unit \*Fred Pruyn, Head

Traffic Management Section:

Office of Chief \*Otto B. Maus, Chief

Rates and Services Unit \*Gunard Johnson, Head

Rate Verification &  
Analysis Unit \*William J. Gaynor, Head

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

\*Marcus Daly, Chief

\*Albert Bohlman, Assistant Chief

FISCAL DIVISION

Office of the Chief Richard W. Hostrop, Chief  
\*C. E. Sullivan, Assistant Chief

Accounting Section

Office of Chief \*John Normile, Chief

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Accounts & Reports Unit  
Account Services Unit  
Administrative Fiscal Unit

\* J. Falat, Head  
\*Jack Beigun  
\*Wallace Nesbitt, Head

Examination Section  
Office of Chief  
Inventory Settlement Unit  
County Services Sub-Unit  
Terminal Services Sub-Unit

\*Ralph Otis, Chief  
\*David Kushnir, Head  
\*Charles Cash, Head  
\*L. Comaish, Head

CCC FACILITIES SUB UNIT

\*Florence Barr, Head

INVOICE AND PAYMENT UNIT

\*E. R. Hokanson, Head

LOAN AND CUSTODY UNIT

\*Don Hopkins, Head

CLAIMS AND COLLECTION SECTION

Office of Chief

Harold Shanesy, Chief

Claims Unit  
Collections Unit

Paul Maina, Head  
\*Louis Drnek, Head

\* "Acting", pending confirmation of assignment

As of December 16, orders for hay from drought states totaled 524,449 tons; shipments 328,140 tons. December 15 shipments of 670 carloads (equivalent of approximately 8,040 tons) largest to date.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Maurice Stickgold to St. Paul and Omaha to recruit personnel.

Agents in field: Lee Coons, Fontaine Freeman, Robert Coons, Sidney Norin, Ohio; John Hickey, William Aarnes, Halvor Oace, Minnesota; Edward Nealon, Eastern Illinois, Ralph Aiken, Iowa.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck and Charles Pettengell attended N.E. Area Directors Conference at Indianapolis on Thursday.

DAIRY

Milk Market Orders

Following uniform prices were paid during October to producers supplying Midwest markets under Federal milk market orders:

Chicago	\$4.84	Omaha-Lincoln-Council Bluffs Area	\$5.36
Columbus, Ohio	5.18	Sioux City	4.79
Dubuque	4.95	Sioux Falls-Mitchell, S.D.	5.00
		St. Louis	6.09



FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Hal Bolin assisting York High School; Elmhurst; Illinois in prior preparation and refrigeration of turkeys for serving in its lunch program.

Pork products purchased by USDA, to remove market surpluses will be distributed to school lunch programs and other eligible institutions. Midwest area states requested to estimate needs for specified periods on basis of 1-1/2 pounds per child per month for school lunch programs, 2 pounds per person per month for institutional use.

"Pushing" lard in hopes of increasing sales.

Foods expected to be in plentiful supply during January in Midwest: Oranges, tangerines, pork, pork-products, lard, grapefruit, raisins, domestic dried figs, almonds, filberts, walnuts, honey, eggs, heavy turkeys, frozen fish, nonfat dry milk solids, vegetable shortening, salad oils, table fat.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In Charge

Best buys this week: cabbage, southern greens, leaf lettuce, storage vegetables including turnips, beets, carrots, and parsnips, celery hearts from Michigan, spinach, ripe tomatoes, and California grapes. Potato prices down a little but still relatively high, with Midwestern Round Whites still the best buy. Onions tended downward, with Midwestern Medium Yellow Globes selling at fairly low prices.

Clay J. Ritter, after relieving at various Mid-west offices, is temporarily stationed in Chicago. Goes to Florida for winter vegetable reporting after Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ruth E. Keller, head clerk, resigning this month to take graduate work for Masters Degree at University of Chicago.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Training school for terminal market inspectors ends December 19.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Regular services - "SHOP TALK", "MIDWEST MARKET BASKET," "FARM AND FOOD NEWS" and "FOOD MARKETING NEWSLETTER" won't be issued Christmas week to help alleviate mail situation.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, In Charge

Harry E. Reed, Branch Director, was visitor on Wednesday enroute to Washington from west coast.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Calls attention to University of Chicago course entitled "Personnel Administration for Government Supervisors" which begins evening of January 7, 1953. Course designed especially for supervisory and administrative employees.

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 10417A virtually all PMA offices in Midwest will be closed on Friday, December 26. Commodity branch directors have designated certain services, such as grading and inspection, which will be supplied on that date; office heads will designate any persons who "cannot be spared."